

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 14-22 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 5-6, 8, 10 and 13 to read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method for detecting a monitor, the method comprising:  
monitoring a first node of a connector, the connector for coupling to a flat panel display;  
asserting a first output signal to indicate the first node is in a first state; and  
receiving the first output signal at a flat panel display ~~controller~~ engine.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first output signal is an interrupt signal.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the interrupt signal ~~in~~ is a system interrupt for a general purpose computer.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first output signal is stored in a register.
5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~ determining if the a first input is in a stable state before the step of asserting.
6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5, wherein ~~the step of~~ determining includes the first input being stable when the input is stable for a predetermined amount of time.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the predetermined amount of time is based upon an internal timer.
8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the predetermined amount of time ~~stored is~~ based upon a register value.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the register value is indicative of a clock count.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:  
operating in a normal mode of operation prior to the step of monitoring, wherein the first  
~~input node~~ is in a second state.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first state is indicative of a flat panel display  
being coupled to the connector.

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Cone* 12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first state is indicative of a flat panel display  
being decoupled from the connector.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:  
driving a flat panel from the flat panel ~~system controller engine~~.

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